



Southeast Rivers and Streams Support Fund

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS – 2008



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Purpose The Southeast Rivers and Streams Support Fund (*The Support Fund*) awards funds to local and regional community groups, grassroots citizen initiatives and cooperative aquatic science projects working to protect, restore, and enhance aquatic species and the habitats on which they depend.

Eligibility Organizations applying for funding must work in the Cumberland, Mobile and/or Tennessee River Basins, with preference given to groups working in World Wildlife Fund's priority watersheds (see priority watersheds section). Applicants must be registered as 501(c)(3)

organizations or have a sponsoring 501(c)(3) organization. Groups are limited to one application per funding cycle. Organizations are ineligible for funding until past due technical and financial reports are completed and approved. Please refer to grant agreements for appropriate deadlines. The World Wildlife Fund (WWF) reserves the right to determine the eligibility of any project.

Activities Supported *The Support Fund* awards grants for a maximum of \$5,000 in six broad categories: general support, capacity building, advocacy, water monitoring, storm water, water conservation and habitat protection/species and species restoration (including reintroduction). *General support* is defined as activities that increase the effectiveness of an organization. Examples include, but are not limited to, training, board development, membership expansion, strategic planning, fundraising development and equipment purchase. *Advocacy* activities should involve citizens actively promoting the protection, restoration or enhancement of aquatic habitat or species by influencing public policy or personal behavior. Specific examples include, but are not limited to, developing and distributing public education materials, participating in the development, implementation and enforcement of local, state and/or federal regulations, and providing opportunities to strengthen citizen involvement in aquatic habitat protection. *Water Monitoring* activities will involve citizens taking water quality samples of their waterways. Examples include but are not limited to buying test kits, training volunteers and transportation for workshops. Similarly, *storm water* and *water conservation* may involve water sampling, changing local regulations or specific policies. *Habitat protection/species reintroduction* activities directly increase the scientific knowledge of species or increase the habitat of aquatic species. Specific activities include, but are not limited to, monitoring species. Money can be used to hire technical expertise, if a group needs such assistance.



Mountain stream
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Sign near storm drain in North Carolina
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Activities Not Supported *The Support Fund* does not fund government agencies, IRS defined lobbying activities (attempts to influence specific legislation), lawsuits (including fees to hire attorneys) or projects that have been completed.

Priority Watersheds Applicants applying for funding must work in the Cumberland, Mobile and/or Tennessee River Basins. Preference will be given to groups working in WWF's priority watersheds and in areas identified in State Wildlife Action Plans. Visit the Environmental Protection Agency's Surf Your Watershed site (<http://www.epa.gov/surf/>) and Teaming with Wildlife

(http://www.teaming.com/state_wildlife_strategies.htm) for more information. WWF priority watersheds located in the Cumberland River Basin: Caney, Collins, Red, Rockcastle, South Fork Cumberland, Stones; in the Mobile River Basin: Cahaba, Locust, Buttahatchee, Conasauga, Lower Tallapoosa, Middle Alabama, Middle Coosa, Middle Tombigbee-Chickasaw,

Mobile-Tensaw, Sipsey, Upper Alabama, Upper Tombigbee; and in the Tennessee River Basin: Holston, Lower Duck, Upper Duck, Lower Little Tennessee, Nolichucky, North Fork Holston, Powell, Sequatchie, Upper Clinch, Watts Bar and Wheeler Lake. While preference will be given for the watersheds listed above, groups working throughout the river basins are strongly encouraged to apply.

Application Applications should not exceed three pages (see application). Please e-mail your completed application to Judy Takats at Judy.Takats@wwfus.org. Do not email or mail supporting documents. If further information is required, you will be contacted.

Grant period The period for awards is typically one year from the start date. Grants may fund a component of a larger project. Funded applicants may apply for follow-up funding, as long as the previous projects are in good standing.

Deadlines The Spring 2007 deadline is Tuesday, April 22, 2008 at 5 PM central time. The Fall 2007 deadline is Tuesday, October 14, 2008 at 5 PM central time. Due to the volume of grants received, not all applications will be funded. Groups that do not receive funding are encouraged to re-apply.

Process WWF will render a decision on applications and notify applicants. Two copies of a contract will be sent to all successful applicants. Grantees will return one signed copy to WWF. Grantees will be required to complete financial and technical reports at the end of the grant period.

Contact Information If you have questions regarding the application, the process or a prospective project, please contact:

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